

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : TO BE ASSIGNED, WHICH IS A NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
PCT/JP2004/017934, FILED DECEMBER 2, 2004  
Applicant : OKADA, MASUAKI  
Filed : CONCURRENTLY HERewith  
Title : BONDING METHOD, DEVICE FORMED BY SUCH METHOD, SURFACE  
ACTIVATING UNIT AND BONDING APPARATUS COMPRISING SUCH  
UNIT  
  
Art Unit : TO BE ASSIGNED  
Examiner : TO BE ASSIGNED  
  
Atty Docket No. : YANE-0004-US1

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

